

### REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. No new matter has been introduced.

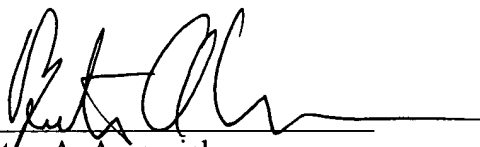
In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

Please charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 22-0185.

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Respectfully submitted,

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